Plane carrying 152 crashes in Pakistan

MMDA to recall all coding exemptions

Pepato reinvents itself at Lusso

Belmonte: Let's give Chavit's son benefit of doubt



Day of surprises for released Marine colonel

By Marlon Ramos

THE NEWS came unexpectedly although the detained military officer and his family had long awaited it.

Former Marine Col. Ariel Querubin was released yesterday after being granted provisional liberty by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ricardo David.

Detained for the standoff at the Marine headquarters in February 2006, which then President Gloria Macapagal

DAY OF SURPRISES/A11

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Pinoys taken for a 'Joyride'

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE COFFEE table book "Joyride: More than Roads and Bridges" sums up the ultimate accolade to the infrastructure accomplishments of ex-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

For the new Aquino administration, it

PINOYS/A14

More imported rice here

Militants, senators urge surplus staple be given to poor

By Amy R. Remo, Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio

MORE SHIPMENTS of rice imported by the previous Arroyo administration are arriving in the country in spite of a glut. Militant farmers and senators are demanding for the surplus commodity to be distributed to poor households.

Danilo Bonabon, National Food Authority (NFA) director in Central Visayas, yesterday said that around 2 million bags of rice were arriving in Cebu City until the end of August for Central and Eastern Visayas and the cities of Pagadian and Dipolog.

He said this shipment would be on top of the 2.8 million bags of imported rice stored in different warehouses in Cebu, Bohol, Siquijor and Negros Oriental.

Lito Banayo, newly appointed NFA chief, yesterday said he was asking the Department of Justice to investigate why the NFA under Arroyo had authorized the Philippine International Trading Corp. (PITC) to import 28,000 metric tons of rice from Vietnam in spite of the surplus.

"We ourselves asked for the delay of the shipment. We're oversupplied. Why did we allow

MORE/A17



'FOR A PRESIDENT WHO TELLS THE TRUTH' President Aquino's spokesperson Edwin Lacierda (center) formally introduces to the media on Wednesday the two Cabinet-rank officials who head the administration's newly formed Communications Group—Herminio "Sonny" Coloma (left) and former broadcast journalist Ricky Carandang. The CommGroup replaces the Office of the Press Secretary.

A mouthful from Noy: 19 more spokespersons

By Christian V. Esguerra

"WALANG JNPNYES" (no lies or pretense) would ever come from the lips of President Aquino, according to one of his pitchmen.

But Mr. Aquino thinks he needs at least 19 more spokespersons to help his young administration get its message across.

"The President instructed all the Cabinet secretaries to come up with an individual spokesperson for all departments," presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda—in effect, the first and main mouthpiece—told reporters yesterday.

Lacierda said he had sent a memo to all the departments asking them to appoint their respective spokespersons and coordinate with Malacañang's newly formed Communications Group.

Mr. Aquino could have at least 19 new mouthpieces, based on the number of Cabinet-level agencies under the executive branch.

And the number could swell to more than 60 if each department further appoints a

A MOUTHFUL/A17

Neda chief sees 8% growth in economy

By Ronnel W. Domingo

RENEWED INVESTOR confidence in the country and less red tape can help push economic growth rate up to 8 percent next year, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga Jr. said yesterday.

"We will work on what we need to do in order to obtain a growth rate — somewhere around seven to eight percent by 2011," Paderanga said.

Paderanga told reporters that streamlined business procedures and more transparent investment measures could help bring in the money needed to speed up growth.

"We feel that with some of

NEDA/A16

DPWH cancels 19 'midnight deals' worth over ₱934M

By Jerry E. Esplanada

CITING THE Aquino administration's policy of transparency and accountability, Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson has ordered the cancellation of 19 "midnight deals" entered into by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The contracts, worth over ₱934 million, for the rehabilitation of provinces affected by Storms "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" are supposed to be funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica).

He said proper procedures were clearly violated as the projects did not undergo "open and competitive" public bidding.

"Aside from being negotiated, the contracts were signed even before their Saro (special allotment release orders) were released by the Department of Budget and Management. That's quite irregular," he said.

"They were signed just a few days before July 1 (Day 1 of the Aquino administration)," Singson told the Inquirer.

Jica earlier agreed to finance 86 projects worth over ₱3 billion in areas in Regions 1 to 5 severely damaged by the two storms.

A check with DPWH files showed the contracts were signed on June 18 while their Saros were released on June 25.

"Why should you sign con-

DPWH/A17

Mikey faces DQ charges in SC, House

By Leila B. Salaverria and Jerome Aning

THE ELDEST CHILD of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is facing a double-barreled fight in connection with his status as a party-list representative.

The militant party-list group Bayan Muna yesterday asked the Supreme Court to reverse the Commission on Elections (Comelec) on its finding that Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo was qualified to sit in the House representing Ang Galing Pinoy.

And Rius Homiveros, a former representative of Akbayan, another party-list group, challenged his legitimacy as a lawmaker before the

MIKEY/A16



INTERNET NETS A SUSPECT Policemen take custody of suspected killer of 3 foreigners and 6 Filipinos, Mark Dizon after his arrest in San Fernando, La Union, on Tuesday.

Facebook tags serial killer suspect; 'NPA' ruse leads to arrest

By Jun Malig
Inquirer Central Luzon

ANGELES CITY—His Facebook account gave him away.

Computer technician Mark Dizon, 28, the lone suspect in the killing of three foreigners and six Filipinos here, was identified through his photos in the social networking site Facebook by a niece of Janet Andrenada-Mitchell, one of the murder victims.

Dizon thought he was about to meet communist rebels on Tuesday when he surfaced in San Fernando City in La Union, police said. Law enforcers quickly apprehended Dizon after they posed as New People's Army (NPA) rebels to lure him, said Chief Supt. Arturo Cacdac Jr., Central Luzon police director.

Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan said Dizon had felt he could no longer live a normal life as a fugitive. "He decided that he would just join the NPA, thinking that the rebel group would accept him," he said.

"We are happy this was solved with the help of the citizenry and technology be-

FACEBOOK/A16

Joker: Truth commission is doomed

By Michael Lim Ubac

WITHOUT A legal leg to stand on, the planned truth commission is doomed to fail, Sen. Joker Arroyo said yesterday.

Arroyo, a lawyer, warned President Aquino that creating a truth commission through an executive order would be futile because it would suffer from a legal infirmity.

"It seems that the government

JOKER/A17

WEATHER FORECAST

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Senate squabbling continues

THE SENATE has deferred announcing the results of its committee reorganization after majority senators failed to resolve yesterday the issue of who would head three hotly contested committees.

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Miriam on leave

By Christine O. Avendaño

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'Not anomalous, but . . .'

By TJ Burgonio

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Ampatuan Jr. pleads not guilty for 57th time

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Motion to inhibit

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High rating for automated polls

By Kristine L. Alave

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Gov't asked to lift OFW ban in Iraq

By Jerome Aning

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AN OPEN LETTER TO P-NOY



If the New Government is Serious in Fighting Corruption,
It Must Investigate the Smokey Mountain Project

A two-page advertisement recently appeared in newspapers with the title "Who Benefited from the Smokey Mountain Project?" It tried to deodorize the implementation by R-II Builders, Inc – owned by father and son Reghis and Michael Romero – of the controversial project once dubbed by Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago as the "most lopsided" in Philippine history.

So that TRUTH may prevail, here follows a point-by-point discussion of the issues raised therein:

1. The issue is not the legality of the original Smokey Mountain project as affirmed by the Supreme Court, but the excessive payment being demanded by R-II. By filing collection cases left and right, R-II now wants to pressure the government into signing a compromise agreement that would practically leave the coffers of the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Home Guaranty Corp (HGC) empty.

2. R-II demands P1.7 billion from NHA, but in the case it filed before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court, it had admitted completing works valued at only P211 million. Of the P1.7 billion, the NHA has already paid R-II P806 million without the approval of Commission on Audit. Is it not questionable to demand P1.7 billion for actual work done amounting to only P211 million?

3. Under the joint venture, R-II was supposed to fully fund the P6.6-billion project, but it managed to raise only P300 million. Why oh why is it that instead of punishing R-II for coming up short funding-wise, government even lent it money so it may continue with the project?

4. Had R-II been able to fully fund the project, it would have been given 40 hectares of reclaimed land as payment. Logic dictates that it should not get the 40 hectares for its failure to put up the P6.6 billion. But how come R-II even ended up being given not just 40 hectares but 79 hectares for reneging on its funding obligation? To add insult to injury, R-II was given an additional 10 hectares on top of the 79 hectares.

5. The reclaimed lands should be owned by HGC because it made the guarantee of earnings for the government agencies Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Social Security System (SSS), Landbank, Pag-Ibig and Abot-Kaya Pabahay Fund – that had to come to R-II's rescue by forming an Asset Pool. But instead of turning over the 79 hectares to HGC when a call was made on its guarantee, R-II took control of the land (including the vastly profitable Harbour Center Industrial Park) and rented it out. To date, R-II has yet to remit a single centavo of the rentals amounting now to millions of pesos.

6. The only valid claim of R-II is its subordinated Smokey Mountain Project Participation Certificate covering its share in the combined assets of the Smokey Mountain Project. But it cannot impose its ownership of lands that are really owned by HGC.

7. R-II also wrested from HGC ownership of the bulk of shares of stock of Harbour Center. The Smokey Mountain Project Asset Pool (now owned by HGC by virtue of a Deed of Assignment) bought shares of Harbour Center worth P1.7 billion equivalent to 10 hectares of reclaimed land. But R-II did not issue any stock certificate. Apart from this, the common shares previously worth P867 million had been reduced in value by half because of claimed losses and purchase of equipment. All this was not approved by the Asset Pool governing body nor by HGC.

8. Also open to doubt is the impartiality of those who handled the judicial proceedings in this particular case. Recently, the Court of Appeals' Special 15th Division made a complete turn-around and sided with R-II. The court decision paved the way for the expected annulment of the Deed of Assignment/Conveyance of the Asset Pool of SMDRP on the ground that this was not notarized. Based on the rules of evidence, the validity of a document is not established by a notary public.

9. The brouhaha had the then Vice President and housing czar Noli de Castro saying that: "There is no agreement and plan to sign any compromise agreement with Reghis Romero. That is not on our agenda and there's not enough time." But how come VP De Castro sent then President Arroyo a memorandum seeking release of P4.46 billion for payment to HGC, the very exact amount cited in the [illegible] compromise agreement that was supposed to be signed by R-II, NHA and HGC?

IT IS VERY CLEAR WHO BENEFITED FROM SMOKEY MOUNTAIN PROJECT.
IT IS NOT THE POOR, NOT THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.
ONLY R-II BUILDERS INC. AND SOME PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

GARBAGE PROJECT Is it right for Reghis Romero to demand that he be paid P1.7 billion for a housing project that actually cost his company only P211 million to build? Can this (kindly look at the picture of the dilapidated structure amidst garbage) be worth P211 million, much more P1.7 billion?

'KUNG WALANG CORRUPT, WALANG MAHIRAP!'

\- Pres. Noynoy Aquino

Give Chavit son benefit of the doubt–Belmonte

By Leila B. Salaverria

LET'S not be too quick to judge Ilocos Sur Rep. Ronald Singson, said House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte.

Belmonte said Singson, who is in a Hong Kong jail after being caught with illegal drugs at the airport, is still presumed innocent.

"In the meantime, we may let us give Congressman Singson the benefit of the doubt. Under our laws, he is still ... presumed to be innocent. Here in Congress we await official word," Belmonte told reporters.

The 41-year-old Singson, a second-term representative, was nabbed with 26.1 grams of cocaine and tablets of ecstasy at the Chek Lap Kok International Airport on July 11.

His petition for bail has been rejected, and he is scheduled to appear in court on August 19.

Singson is the son of Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, who has since apologized for his offspring's actions.

Belmonte said he was studying Singson's case and has consulted lawyers about it. He would await developments in the case, he added.

He also said there is as yet no need to name a caretaker that would act for Singson.

"The congressman is temporarily not here. His own staff can take care of it," he said.

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Across the NATION

Uproot squatters in Angat, gov't told

By Carmela Reyes-Estrope
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF MALOLOS—Squatting and illegal logging at the watershed protecting the Angat Dam should be looked into to reduce the vulnerability of Metro Manila's primary source for potable water, foresters here said on Tuesday.



INTRUSION

Close watch on recruiters to start in Bacolod

By Carla Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

Another suit filed vs Pangasinan dam operators



In Tarlac town, uneasy calm sets in after gunfight

Jai-alai firm says it's open to review

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Thieves strike at Mangyan burial caves

By Madonna T. Virola
City of Calapan

LIKE THE IBALOI tribe in northern Luzon, the Mangyan people in Mindoro are alarmed and angry over the missing skeletal remains [illegible] of their ancestors in over a hundred sacred burial caves in the southern part of the island.

[illegible]

'We saw outside the cave the dead's clothes and new G-string placed on stones'



SKELETAL remains are recovered from sacks of charcoal taken from three Mangyan men. [illegible]

Japanese remains

[illegible]

Bad spirits

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Town, city join river cleanup

San Pedro, Laguna

EVEN AN AVERAGE downpour alarms people living along a river that runs across San Pedro town in Laguna and Muntinlupa City in Metro Manila.

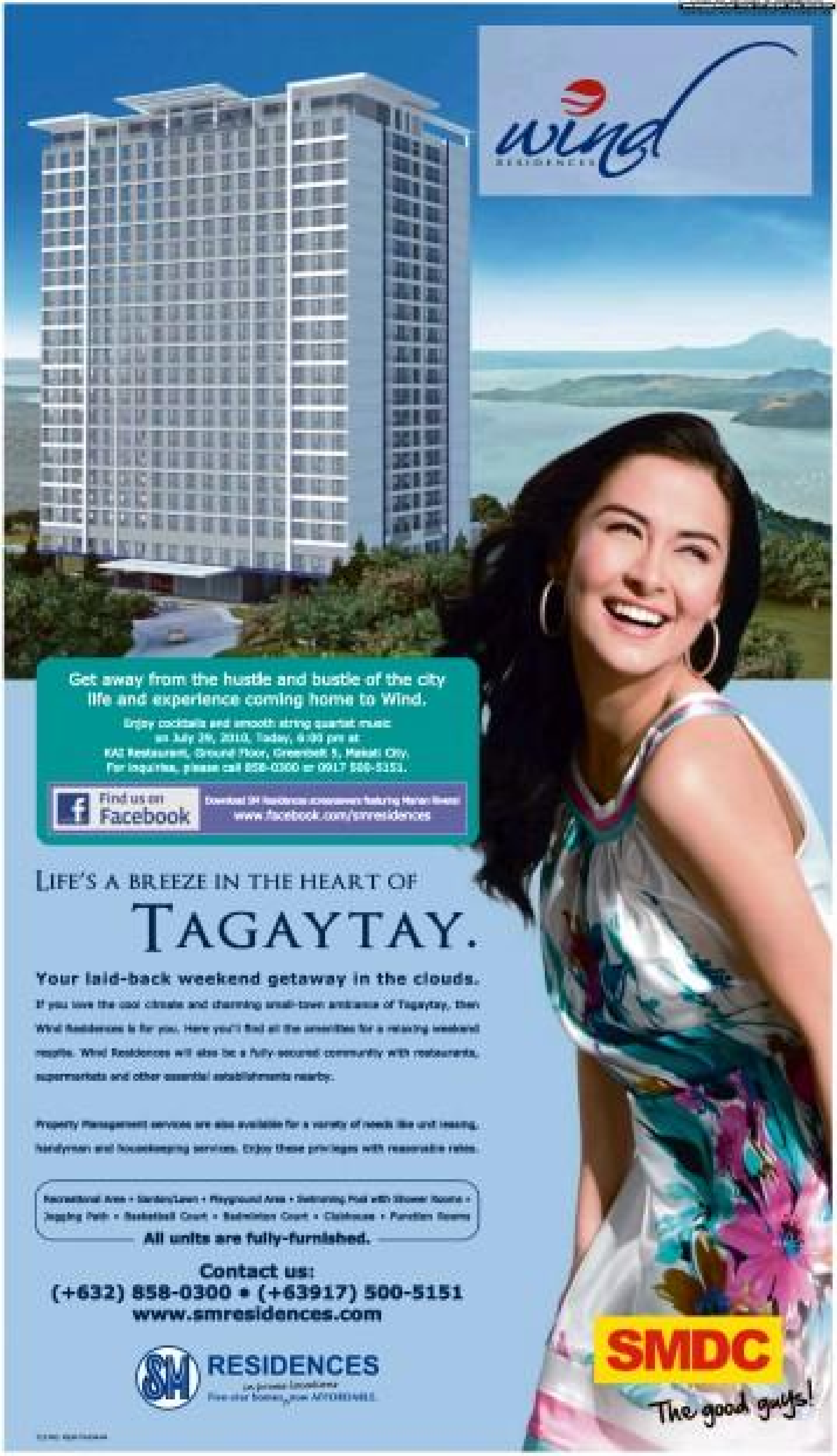
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The industry we need most to industrialize





Day of surprises for released Marine colonel

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Dashed hopes

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Highest military award

Turned down Bangit's offer

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Neda chief sees 8-percent growth in economy

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More credibility

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Electricity, transport, water

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Arroyo's strong legacy

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Facebook tags serial killer suspect



MARKED Angeles City Mayor Ed Pamintuan holds newspaper clippings on arrested suspected killer Mark Dizon during Wednesday's press conference at the Angeles City Police Office.

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Other murders

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Mikey faces DQ charges in SC, House

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'Propaganda'

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Pinoys taken for a glossy 'Joyride'

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'Look at the quality'

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17 photographs

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Project selection

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HEAVY BURDEN



More imported rice arrive, more to come

DPWH cancels 19 'midnight contracts' worth over ₱934M



SINGSON

A mouthful from Noy: 19 more spokespersons, or is it 60?

Joker: Truth commission doomed; it should be crafted by Congress



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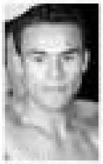
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So loses anew, drops title bid

Tams tackle inspired Archers today; UST battles NU

'Pacquiao punches harder than M'weather'

By Roy Luarca



MARQUEZ



Roaring Lions rip Altas, grab lead

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Asian Games roster an all-POC choice

By Marc Anthony Reyes



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SPORTSWATCH

Corteza leads RP world pool series charge

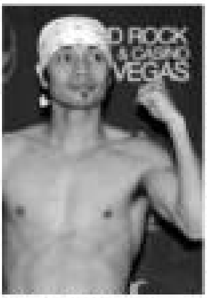
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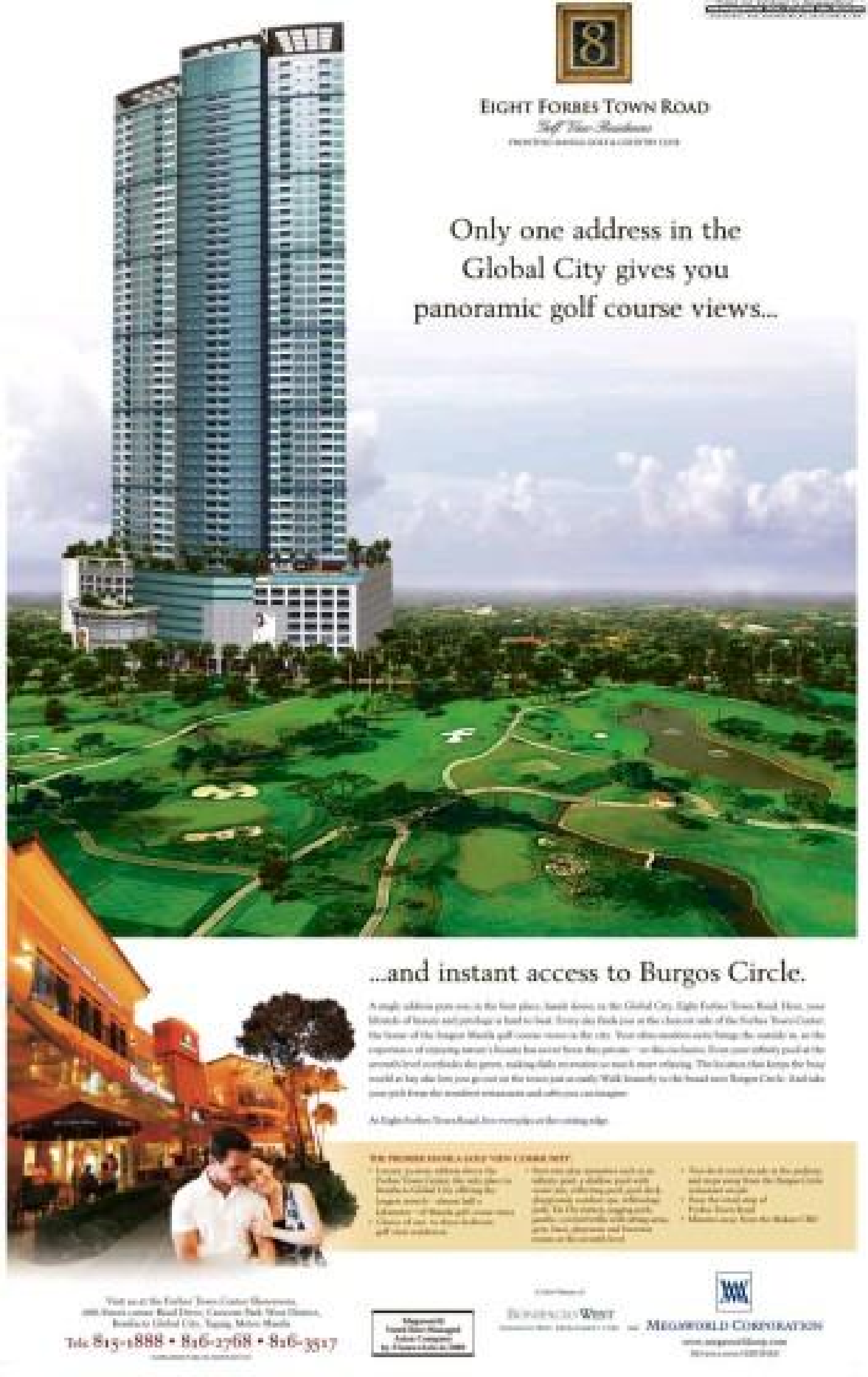
Unbeaten Lady Stags face Lady Falcons

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Number coding faces review

MMDA to recall all exemptions

A DAY AFTER he took office, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Francis Tolentino ordered yesterday the recall of all number coding exemptions issued to selected motorists pending a review.

Police official charged with homicide

AN OFFICIAL of the Aviation Security Group of the Philippine National Police faces a frustrated homicide charge for allegedly beating up a man over a parking altercation last year.



A frame-up in Parañaque?

ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

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Suspect in rob-slay of stude shot dead by police escort

By Tina G. Santos

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METROBRIEFS

Fugitive falls in QC

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2 cops charged with theft

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Tina G. Santos

Health center robbed

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READY FOR DELIVERY

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Number coding . . .

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The WORLD

Plane carrying 152 crashes in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD—A Pakistani passenger plane crashed in heavy rain near Islamabad, leaving no sign any of the 152 people on board survived.



Korea drills, comments by Hillary roil China

Pentagon can't account for $8.7B in Iraqi funds

MetroBriefs

Lying for sex means jail time in Israel

Huge blast at China factory kills 5, scores hurt

US solons OK funding for war escalation

Browse online for beautiful egg, sperm

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Texas man guilty of starving 3 children

Japan hangs 2 murders

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BUSINESS

New group offers to develop Laiban dam

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Stocks close slightly higher

Abacus, Chinese firm put project cost at P60B

PUBLICLY LISTED Abacus Consolidated Resources and Holdings Inc. has submitted an unsolicited proposal to spend P60 billion to develop the Laiban Dam as a potential water supply source for Metro Manila.

JP Morgan expands operations in RP



Debates on tax issues stalling launch of REITs

Dispute on amount of incentives

Meralco cash holdings hit ₱15.3B

New group offers ...

JP Morgan expands ...

Metrobank wins award for Best Bank in the Philippines



Stocks ...

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies

BIR expected to miss collection target for July

Administration still said to be in a period of adjustment

PNCC to use SLEx share sale to cover ₱4-B debt

By Paolo G. Montecillo

PSE picks Suarez as president



SUAREZ

Jollibee inks joint venture for China hub

By Doris C. Dumlao



PROPERTY DEAL

Tour group slams PAL for poaching into their trade

Lick it or not

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III



Unified Leyte IPPA auction postponed

Move aims to give bidders time to understand contract terms

By Amy R. Remo

Construction of $557-M casino-resort starts

By Paolo G. Montecillo

₱2.2B worth of projects OKd

By Abigail L. Ho

SMPI lining up new ventures

BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

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MEMORANDUM NO. M-2010-21

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BUSINESS

Local bakers seek zero tariff on wheat, flour

By Abigail L. Ho

LOCAL BAKERS are asking the government not only to further extend the existing zero-tariff regime on milling wheat, but also to adopt the same policy on imported flour.

In a July 20 petition to the Tariff Commission, the Philippine Baking Industry Group (PhilBaking), Filipino Chinese Bakery Association Inc. (FCBAI) and Philippine Federation of Bakers Association Inc. (PFBAI) said these moves would "create real price competition among local flour millers," and consequently lead to lower bread prices.

"At present, the 3-percent tariff rate on flour adds a burden to bread and other flour-based products, and delays the implementation of the country's trade agreements. The lifting of (the) tariff on imported flour is necessary as it will directly benefit the consuming public and the baking industry," the petition stated.

FCBAI president Antonio Lim Ok said in an interview yesterday that the scrapping of the tariff on flour, coupled with the extension of the zero-tariff regime on milling wheat, would prevent bread prices from rising amid escalating prices of key ingredients.

DPC releases winning Cory Aquino directory cover for Yellow Pages

Honoring the life of late President Cory Aquino, the Directories Philippines Corporation (DPC) released the newest edition of the DPC Yellow Pages directory commemorating the legacy of the country's mother of democracy. The 2010-2011 PLDT-DPC Metro Manila directory, distributed to households and businesses, features her image that exudes hope, unity and freedom on the cover.

"Tita Cory's values of integrity, initiative and malasakit are not just something we admire. They are also ideals we try to live by and ideals we believe all Filipinos should also live by," says Ricardo D. Bautista, DPC president. "Through this effort, we hope to remind people about such principles and how, with integrity and courage, small changes we initiate can make an impact. The former president's commitment to excellence and honor continues to inspire us in our business, and we hope our little effort can inspire others as well."

The new DPC Yellow Pages directory cover comes from the winning artwork of Bulacan State University's Julian Eymard Pagulligan, who was awarded the grand prize at the recently concluded 2010-2011 PLDT-DPC Telephone Directory Cover 24th Visual Arts National Competition.

This annual challenge aims to enrich the talent and potential of fine arts students in the Philippines. This year's quest for the new 2010-2011 telephone directory cover had the theme "Cory Aquino: Her Legacy to the Filipino" and was joined by schools in Greater Manila, with their students uniquely portraying their Tita Cory on canvass. Depicting Mrs. Aquino in different moments of triumph, the students turned the competition into a reminder of how extraordinary a figure she was during the '80s and until today.

Among the entries, the panel of judges picked Pagulligan's work to be worthy of the grand cash prize and a trophy designed by National Artist Dean Napoleon Abueva. The grand prize winner's 27.5" x 34.5" watercolor painting entitled Ika-25 ng Pebrero 1986 is now visible on the 2010-2011 PLDT-DPC Metro Manila Telephone Directory.



The 2010-2011 Metro Manila DPC Yellow Pages featuring the winning artwork by Julian Pagulligan on the cover is now available for pick up at PLDT business offices.

Behind the award-winning illustration

Contest winner Pagulligan is a 27-year-old Bulakeño residing in the city of Malolos. He was a junior Fine Arts student when he submitted his entry along with nine other hopefuls from the same state university. His patriotic artwork triumphed over all the other entries.

"This is not the first painting competition that I have participated in, but this is the first time that I won the grand prize. That is why this is really memorable for me," shares Pagulligan.

He used the approach of photorealism, the genre of painting that is created based on real-life images and employs meticulous attention to realistic details, resulting in a life-like, vivid creation that resembles photography.

When asked about his inspiration, he says, "I got it from the caged birds that were being sold in front of churches, the ones jailed in wicker baskets. For me, those birds symbolized the Filipino people when they were confined in the clutches of oppression and injustice. The late president Cory Aquino was the one who freed us Pinoys from that cage of dictatorship and repression. She's the reason why we flew towards freedom once again."

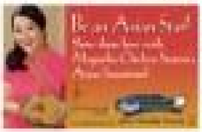
He also used a maya bird as a nationalistic symbol to represent the freedom-loving spirit of Filipinos. In the painting's background are several hands waving the late president's "Laban" sign, signifying the collective efforts of the whole nation to fight for liberty.

"This stands for the participation of every Juan Dela Cruz. Tita Cory triggered our deep sense of patriotism. Hence, the Filipinos have united and took the courageous, peaceful action that the whole world admires up to this day," Pagulligan adds.

DPC saw how Pagulligan's masterpiece encapsulates the competition's nationalistic message. The young artist's creation now graces the cover of the DPC Yellow Pages directory to serve as inspiration for the whole nation.

As DPC sees Cory as the main instrument that unified a nation in distress, dedicating a cover of the DPC Yellow Pages in her memory was one way to keep her legacy honored and remembered by Filipinos everywhere.

LIFESTYLE Food





Chef Bambi opens her family's stylish home for private parties



Damaso Residencia—with interiors by Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo—expands concept of the novel Pia y Damaso

Pepato winds down—only to reinvent itself

Fans can still enjoy some of its dishes at Lusso, Margarita Fores' new restaurant-bar in Greenbelt 5











ADDITIONAL dining area echoes the colors and prints found in main dining hall.



GARDEN leads to the main dining area.

Chef Bambi opens her family's stylish home . . .







SPICED Chocolate Soufflé



SMOKED Barbecued Duck

Bambi's soufflé

Warm chocolate soufflé

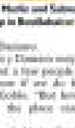
Tips

Salty caramel sauce

Vanilla whipped cream

What a way to introduce Peninsula's new executive chef

COUNTRY COOKING



Micky Fenix



MAIN course of slow-cooked lamb loin



EXECUTIVE chef Freddy Schmidt

Sausage with watermelon, duck liver terrine, escargot in garlic butter, mille-feuille–the French chef's yummy surprises

Main course

Bignay wine, 'quesong puti,' ostrich 'tapa,' pheasant stew, roasted goat, tableya cake—Malagos farm offerings

KITCHEN RESCUE



Maggie Lapuz



PHEASANT stew

Guinea Fowl Adobo

Quesong Puti

Pheasant Stew with Straw Mushrooms

Whole Roasted Malagos Cabrito

Tableya Cake

'Pidjanga,' 'tabon tabon,' 'kasili,' 'pato tim,' 'lechon kambing,' 'pilit tapal'—Caraga specialties





Abundance in seafood

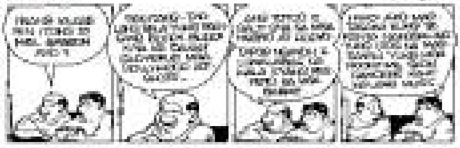
GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA



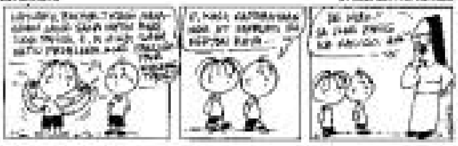
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DICK TRACY



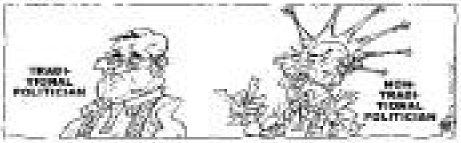
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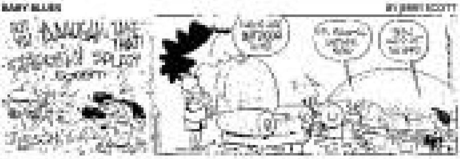
JAMES BOND



DIVINE COMEDY



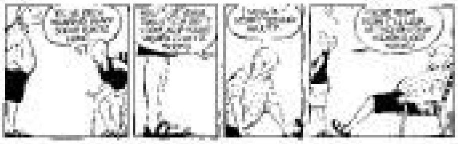
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



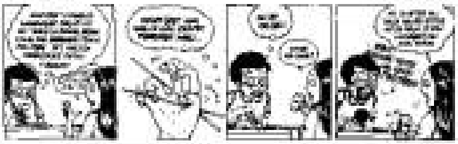
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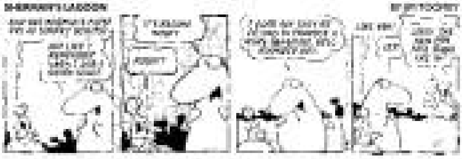
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA



SHERMAN'S LAGOON BY JIM TOOMEY



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

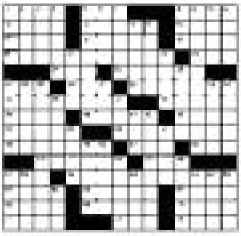
Conceptis Sudoku

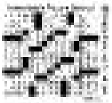
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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9					1			5
					8			4
					2		8	
		3		9		7		
	2		4					
3			8					
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		9			7	1	5	

CROSSWORD PUZZLE











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Innovation



New concept

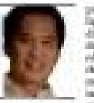
Dream showcase



Personal touch

Pineapple upside down cake, walnut prune cake—our badminton group's winners

Word of Mouth



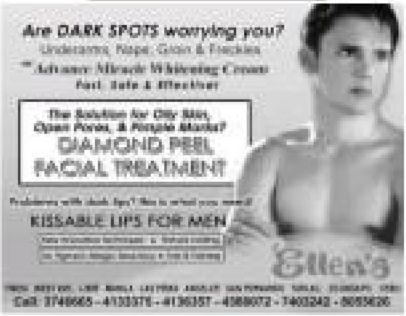
Sandy Daza

Baked ham in sourdough



BURGER SURPRISE

Spicy pork Alexander





Dining Out

Classic 'calles'

Manila spareribs

All-crab boodle

Special smorgasbord

Satay





SANDWICH WITH PARISIAN TWIST



SEA BASS WITH SAFFRON



CRAB PATEROS



Our Feature Course of the Month

Chatuchak invades Manila this August!



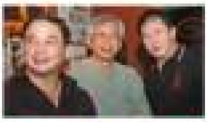
Our Weekend Specials

Our Tesda-Certified Courses

The Maya Kitchen

ENTERTAINMENT







With a li'l help from his friends

By Pocholo Concepcion
Photos by Andrei Kleevet



AN ENERGETIC Kaydie covers The Beatles

IF DICK ISRAEL had his song he'd been sung all night. The veteran character actor's friends certainly didn't mind; in fact some of them joined him onstage during the benefit gig held for him Monday at Mark's Bar Bistro in Greenbelt 3, Makati.

Early birds

Snappy jam

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Robin-Kris in Willie's slot

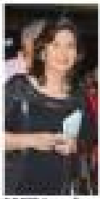
ROBIN PADILLA told the Inquirer he was "very happy" about his new game show with Kris Aquino, which replaces "Wowowee" starting Saturday, July 31.

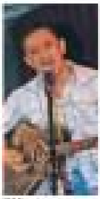
ABS-CBN announced the launch of "Pilipinas Win Na Win" in a statement released Tuesday.

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Bong Osorio, network corporate communications head, said "Wowowee" host [illegible] Willie Revillame [illegible]

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With a li'l help ...

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Wonderful

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CHILLING out: EDGAR Mortiz and Richard [illegible]

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Heaven

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A day in the life of the Glamour Cat

Allow me to give you a glimpse of what goes on for me backstage





BACK STORY

Lea Salonga

Prep time

Half-hour call

Five minutes

Green eyes

By the way...

Shameless plug